

REMARKS

Claim 2 has been cancelled. Thus, Claims 1 and 3-14 are currently pending in the present application, of which Claims 1, 3 and 12 have been amended.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 4 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for having insufficient antecedent basis with respect to the term "second and third transistors." Applicant respectfully traverses such rejection insofar to it might apply to the claims amended herein.

Because the contents Claim 2 have been incorporated within Claim 1, the antecedent basis problem of Claim 4 is now moot. Also, the dependency of Claim 12 has been changed from Claim 9 to Claim 10. Thus, the § 112 rejection is believed to be overcome.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Smedley* (US 5,559,467). Applicant respectfully traverses such rejection insofar to it might apply to the claims amended herein.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 2-3 would be allowable if they were rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Because the contents of Claim 2 have been incorporated within Claim 1, the § 102 rejection is believed to be overcome.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1 and 3-14 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 7-14 have been allowed. For the reasons stated above, Applicant believes independent Claim 1 and all its respective dependent claims are distinguished over the cited reference under § 102, and should be in condition for allowance. The remaining prior art cited by the Examiner, but not relied upon, has been reviewed and is not believed to show or suggest the claimed invention.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any fee or extension of time is required for the prosecution of the present application, please charge it against Dillon & Yudell Deposit Account No. 50-3083.

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